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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 14552

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: FR CH  
SUBJ: REPORTED FRENCH SALE OF ANTITANK MISSILES  
TO CHINA

1. IN CONTEXT OF PRESS REPORTING ON CURRENT  
CHINES VICE PREMIER KU MU'S VISIT TO FRANCE, ARTICLE  
IN LE MONDE OF MAY 5 SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH HAD DENIED  
PRESS REPORTS EMANATING FROM HONG KONG THAT THEY HAD  
ALREADY AGREED TO SELL ANTITANK MISSILES TO CHINA. LE  
MONDE, EVIDENTLY BASING ITS STORY ON BACKGROUND INFOR-  
MATION PROVIDED BY FRENCH SOURCES, REPORTED THAT  
DISCUSSIONS OF A POSSIBLE SALE OF "HOT" OR "MILAN"  
MISSILES HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH THE CHINES, BUT NO  
AGREEMENT HAS YET BEE REACHED. (COMMENT: THIS TENDS  
TO CONFIRM EARLER REPORTS--SEE PARIS 04008--  
THAT THE FREHCH WERE DISCUSSING A SALE OF ANTITANK  
MISSILES WITH THE CHINES). LE MONDE ARTICLE FURTHER  
STATED THAT THE CHINESE HAVE "GIVEN THE IMPRESSION"  
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THAT A SALE OF ANTITANK MISSILES (EITHER "HOT" OR  
"MILAN") IS LINKED TO A SALE OF TRANSALL TRANSPORT  
AIRCRAFT.

2. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE STATUS OF  
ANTITANK MISSILE SALE WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS. KU MU  
VISIT ITSELF WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE REPORTING.

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